

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# The City Of Augusta

## *Proclamation*

*IN RECOGNITION of “Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys”*

*WHEREAS, after more than half a century as one of the premier pickers and singers in bluegrass, Ralph Stanley has earned his status as a true American musical legend; and*

*WHEREAS, his 200 commercial recordings, including both his solo efforts and the famous and influential recordings he made with his late brother, Carter Stanley, approach a record for an American recording artist in quality, quantity, and longevity; and*

*WHEREAS, his public performances in venues large and small throughout the United States and abroad, including several successful tours of Japan, identify him as one of America’s greatest cultural ambassadors; and*

*WHEREAS, he has built on the reputation that he and his brother, Carter, established as the Stanley Brothers, sustaining a great tradition with the Clinch Mountain Boys since 1971; and*

*WHEREAS, his many honors and awards, including membership in the Grand Ole Opry, recognition by the Gospel Music Association and the International Bluegrass Music Association, and Grammy Awards for “O Brother, Where Art Thou?” and, most recently, “Lost in the Lonesome Pines”, recognize his contributions to American music; and*

*WHEREAS, his breakneck traditional instrumental performances and scintillating a cappella gospel harmonies with the Clinch Mountain Boys identify them as one of the elite ensembles in bluegrass today.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2004, as “RALPH STANLEY AND THE CLINCH MOUNTAIN BOYS DAY” in Augusta, Georgia, and urge all citizens to recognize this day.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2004.*

*Mayor*